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SUBJECT: CONGO/B: DELIVERY OF DEMARCHES

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1. The following demarches were delivered on September 16, 2005 to Mr. Felix Ngoma, the Americas Desk Officer for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Note: REF G had also been earlier delivered, on September 9, 2005, by Charge' d'Affaires Rutherford to the Minister of Finance (see paragraph 6).

2. Terrorist Finance: Amendment (REF A), Designation of 3 Additional Names to List 71T (REF B), and New UN Resolution UNSCR 1617 Implementation (REF C) -- On September 16, 2005, Econ/Cons Officer delivered talking points and provided non-papers to Mr. Ngoma who indicated that he would pass them on to appropriate offices in the government. In addition, Econ/Cons Officer reiterated our request for a response regarding any steps that the host government takes using this information. Mr. Ngoma said that the ROC seeks to improve its capacity to contribute to efforts to reduce or eliminate terrorism terrorist financing mechanisms, but reiterated that they lack the resources and technical expertise to increase their efforts. Comment: Given the potential new opportunities for training at the International Law Enforcement Academy in Gabarone for ROC, it might be advantageous to identify some civil service and law enforcement officials to attend training related to combating terrorism and terrorist finance. End comment.

3. Speaking Out on GITMO and Detainees (REF D) - Econ/Cons Officer delivered as a non-paper the talking points of this demarche to Mr. Ngoma. Comment: Generally, ROC officials evidence little, if any, interest in the war in Iraq, the current reconstruction and terrorist attacks there, or the status of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay. End comment.

4. US Mission: Codex Ad Hoc Task Force on Biotechnology (REF E) -- Econ/Cons Officer presented to Mr. Ngoma the talking points. Mr. Ngoma indicated that he does not believe that anyone from ROC will be attending and, moreover, does not believe that the ROC is engaged on this issue. He promised to forward the information and provide contact information for the officials in the Ministry of Agriculture who would work on or follow this issue.

5. Food Aid and the WTO (REF F) -- This demarche was delivered late because this post was not included on the cable's distribution list. Post's desk officer caught the oversight and forwarded both the cable and translated talking points to post for delivery. It was delivered the next day. Although too late to inform the meetings in Geneva, Econ/Cons Officer took this opportunity to present the talking points and to inquire about what office might be coordinating or representing the ROC position, if any, in this area. Mr. Ngoma said he would provide contact information for the office that would normally address this type of issue, but didn't indicate that ROC was actively engaged.

6. Declaration on Innovation Sources of Financing for Development (REF G). Taking advantage of her September 9 courtesy call on Minister of Finance and Budget, M. Pacifique Issoibeka, CDA outlined the main points contained in ref and presented a translated version of the document. The Minister was preparing for his trip to New York on Monday and said that he would take a closer look at the document during his flight. Nevertheless, he is interested in seeing the Congo move closer to the U.S. in many areas. Issoibeka wants to see a marked change in the ways things have been done in the past and wants the U.S. to become more involved in the Congolese economy. While not specifically addressing the points outlined in Ref G, he believes Americans are more dynamic and possess a more practical approach to problems compared to other countries that are more theory based and less pragmatic. He said he would review the document from that standpoint. On September 16, Econ/Cons Officer provided the non-paper to Mr. Ngoma in order to keep the MFA current on delivered demarches.

7. (REF H) - Econ/Cons Officer provided the non-paper

to Mr. Ngoma and requested that he respond with any ROC reactions. (Comment: This cable was never addressed to Kinshasa and slugged for Brazzaville, so original cable was never received. End comment.)

18. International Partnership on Avian and Pandemic Influenza (REF I) - Econ/Cons Officer briefly discussed topic with Mr. Ngoma and requested that he identify who post could contact to discuss the matter with in greater depth. Post will report more once discussions have begun with the appropriate officials.

19. Brazzaville Embassy Office - Rutherford.
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